

# BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

## SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Name of Sub-Committee:** Courthouse & Administration – County Attorney

**Date:** 01/21/2011

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Present at Meeting:** Courthouse & Administration members, David Russell, Jeffrey St.Cyr, Guy Comtois, Frank Tilton and Colette Worsman, also present were Representative Alida Millham.

**Significant topics of discussion:** Rep Russell gave an overview of why they recessed to today, looking for more information on new positions, cost of living and merit increases.

Commissioner Philpot explains the increases and the new positions in this year's budget requests. The Commissioners have cut \$450,000 out of the previous year's budget to allow for the two new positions of Finance Director and Receptionist. There has been a reduction of 22 full-time employees and 7 part-time employees. Other savings have been hiring permanent part-time positions in the Jail and Sheriff's Departments instead of full-time employees, a savings in benefits. There was also discussion about the Juvenile Prosecutor, which was brought up at the County Conversations that the Commissioners had with the eleven communities within Belknap County during this past summer.

Discussion followed on the new positions in this budget positions that have been eliminated, and permanent part-time positions and would the county still have part-time employees who still remained as "on-call". There was also discussion concerning the county's fund balance, as to how much the Commissioners are using, and Rep Worsman's concern that it would leave the County with a fund balance too small. There was also discussion on stimulus monies and the projects that are earmarked for those funds.

Rep Russell wanted to know if any delegation members have any additional comments on the County Attorney's budget.

Motion made by Rep Worsman to recommend \$598,376, removing all salary increases. Seconded by Rep Comtois.

More discussion followed on what was being cut from the County Attorney's budget. Rep Russell asks if there was any more discussion, if not he will take a roll call vote on the motion of \$598,376.

Comtois – Yes

Russell – No

St.Cyr – No

Tilton – No

Worsman – Yes  
Vote 2 to 3, motion defeated.

Rep Russell asked if there was another motion.

Rep Tilton made the motion to recommend \$670,000. Seconded by Rep St.Cyr.

There was discussion; Rep Worsman said she would consider \$632,025, further discussion, Rep Russell said he would take another roll call vote on the motion of \$670,000.

Comtois – Yes  
Russell – Yes  
St.Cyr – Yes  
Tilton – Yes  
Worsman – Yes

Vote is unanimous, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Asst Finance Officer